

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 21-2570-TORRES

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

ADALBERTO COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ,  
and ALFONSO RUSTRIAN,

Defendants.

CRIMINAL COVER SHEET

1. Did this matter originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the United States Attorney's Office prior to August 9, 2013 (Mag. Judge Alicia Valle)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Did this matter originate from a matter pending in the Northern Region of the United States Attorney's Office prior to August 8, 2014 (Mag. Judge Shaniek Maynard)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Did this matter originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the United States Attorney's Office prior to October 3, 2019 (Mag. Judge Jared Strauss)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
4. Did this matter originate from a matter pending in the Southern Region of the United States Attorney's Office prior to November 23, 2020 (Judge Aileen M. Cannon)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Respectfully submitted,

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*Printed name and title*

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence:

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*Judge's signature*City and state: Miami, FL

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**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Shad Aschleman, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

**INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND**

1. I have been a Special Agent with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) since 2004, and am currently assigned to DEA Miami Field Division, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force, Group 41. I am a criminal investigator for the United States within the meaning of Title 21, United States Code, Section 878, and therefore I am empowered to conduct investigations of, and make arrests for, offenses enumerated in Title 21 and Title 18.

2. Based on information contained in this Affidavit, I respectfully submit there is probable cause for the issuance of a criminal complaint charging Adalberto Fructuoso COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "Fruto," and Alfonso RUSTRIAN with: (1) conspiracy to import 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 963 and 960(b)(1)(H); (2) importation of 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 952(a), 960(b)(1)(H), and 18 U.S.C. § 2; (3) conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846 and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii); and (4) possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A)(viii), and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

3. The facts set forth in this Affidavit are based on my personal knowledge and observations, the knowledge and observations of other law enforcement personnel and civilian witnesses, information and documents received in my official capacity from other sources of information, and information gained through my training and experience. This Affidavit is

submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause and thus does not include each and every fact known to law enforcement about this investigation.

**PROBABLE CAUSE**

4. Beginning in January of 2021, a Confidential Source ("CS") acting at the direction of law enforcement conducted a series of meetings in Colombia with members of the United Cartels from Michoacán, Mexico. Those individuals included Alfonso RUSTRIAN and Adalberto Fructuoso COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ. According to RUSTRIAN, he was a Cali-based money launderer and cocaine broker that regularly distributed approximately 25 kilograms of cocaine from Colombia, to Mexico, and ultimately into the United States. RUSTRIAN is a criminal associate of Adalberto Fructuoso COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ – the former mayor of the municipality Aguililla, located in Michoacán, Mexico. According to RUSTRIAN, COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ is a leader of the United Cartels in Mexico, and a former member of the Knights Templar Cartel. According to RUSTRIAN, COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ is a distributor of heroin and methamphetamine from Michoacán, Mexico to the United States, including Houston, Texas, and Atlanta, Georgia.

5. During the month of January 2021, the CS had several meetings with RUSTRIAN while in Cartagena, Colombia. Those meetings were audio and video recorded. During the meetings, RUSTRIAN stated that he was living in Cali, Colombia at the time because people owed him money. He requested assistance from the CS in locating those people. RUSTRIAN told the CS that the people owed him approximately \$300,000. RUSTRIAN explained that he was involved in a business transaction involving the importation of Colombian mineral salt to Mexico. The CS had asked RUSTRIAN why he imported mineral salt into Mexico, as Mexico already has an abundance of it. RUSTRIAN eventually admitted that the mineral salt transaction involved a scheme where cocaine is converted to mineral salt for shipment to Mexican cartels.

6. On or about January 21, 2021, at a restaurant in Cali, Colombia, RUSTRIAN introduced the CS to COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ. That meeting was audio and video recorded. During the meeting, the CS told COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ that he worked with a group of Lebanese people that were looking to fund the political campaigns of government officials in Mexico. The CS further explained that he was a representative of Hezbollah and the Hassan NASRALLAH family, and that he handled their distribution of cocaine in the United States. The CS told COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ that he wanted assistance in Mexico so that Hezbollah operatives could enter the United States in order to commit crime there. COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ replied by explaining that he had created an auto-defense group in the town of Aguililla, in Michoacán, Mexico. Based on my training and experience, I know that auto-defense groups are groups in Mexico created by prominent local citizens, and are formed to fight back against the violence of the drug cartels. However, in this case, the auto-defense group founded by COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ eventually became involved in drug trafficking. According to COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ, he wanted to use an organization of auto-defense groups to eliminate "El Mencho's" cartel – the Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generación ("CJNG"). Based on my training and experience, I know that "El Mencho" refers to Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, the leader of the CJNG. COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ told the CS that he is involved in the distribution of crystal methamphetamine and heroin from Michoacán, Mexico, to Houston, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia. COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ further explained that he currently had 300 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as access to heroin.

7. The CS explained that a kilogram of crystal methamphetamine in South Florida costs approximately \$14,000 for bulk orders, and that a kilogram of heroin costs approximately \$70,000. The CS explained that he takes one kilogram of heroin, and then cuts it with fentanyl in order to make 4 kilograms of heroin for his customers in South Florida. The CS then told

COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ that he wanted to purchase approximately 500 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine for importation from Mexico to South Florida. After negotiating the price, they initially settled on 250 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine at \$14,000 per kilogram. They would later settle on 500 kilograms. The CS offered to pay for the drugs with weapons, but COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ replied that he wanted to be paid in money, so that he could take control in Michoacán. COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ explained to the CS that the crystal methamphetamine would be shipped dissolved in liquid house paint, which is undetectable.

8. The CS told RUSTRIAN that, as the broker of the deal, he could make a profit and be paid a commission. RUSTRIAN said that he wanted to be paid approximately \$4,000 for every kilogram of crystal methamphetamine sold. The CS eventually agreed to pay RUSTRIAN approximately \$35,000 per 12.5 kilograms of heroin sold for a total commission of \$1.8 million. RUSTRIAN offered to receive payments for the meth into a Citibank account owned by his friend who owns a company in Mexico.

9. On or about January 26, 2021, COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ sent the CS a video clip of a poppy field in Michoacán, and stated that this is where the heroin comes from. On or about the same date, RUSTRIAN sent the CS photos showing that he (RUSTRIAN) had made a payment of approximately \$23,000 to COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ for expenses involved in the methamphetamine sale. That money was to pay for pre-cursor chemicals for the meth, and transport-related expenses.

10. On or about February 3, 2021, RUSTRIAN sent a picture to the CS of a handwritten timeline for the expected transaction. That original timeline included the following:

- a. February 5, 2021: delivery of raw material
- b. February 6-12, 2021: processing
- c. February 15-16, 2021: arrival of "amigos" – a coded reference to the meth

11. On or about February 5, 2021, the CS, acting at the direction of law enforcement, conducted a virtual money flash of bulk U.S Currency to RUSTRIAN using an encrypted video conferencing app. During their call, RUSTRIAN was located in Mexico City, Mexico. After establishing a video connection, the CS told RUSTRIAN he had approximately \$6 million dollars present and panned his cell phone across a green suitcase which contained several plastic wrapped bundles of purported bulk U.S. Currency. RUSTRIAN then replied to the CS, "Yes brother that is very good you are almost done." The CS then told RUSTRIAN, "All the money is also wrapped inside these boxes," and showed several wrapped appliance boxes. The CS told RUSTRIAN that he also needed the list of the items from COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ in order to extract the methamphetamine from the house paint once it arrived in Miami. RUSTRIAN responded that he would call COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ about the issue.

12. On or about February 9th, 11th, and 12th, RUSTRIAN sent pictures to the CS showing the methamphetamine production.

13. On or about February 15, 2021, RUSTRIAN sent the CS several pictures and videos that RUSTRIAN had received from COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ. Those pictures and videos from COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ showed COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ, his son Adalberto, COMPARAN-Bedolla, and RUSTRIAN's girlfriend preparing the methamphetamine.

14. On or about February 18, 2021, RUSTRIAN sent photos to the CS of heroin processing in Michoacán. On March 4, 2021, according to RUSTRIAN, he met with COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ in Mexico City to discuss the timing of the sale of methamphetamine to the CS in South Florida.

15. Soon after the March 4, 2021 meeting between RUSTRIAN and COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ, RUSTRIAN told the CS that COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ's son, Adalberto COMPARAN-Bedolla, would be traveling to Miami to coordinate the first shipment of



methamphetamine -- roughly 200 kilograms of the planned 500 kilograms. On or about March 11, 2021, COMPARAN-Bedolla arrived at Miami International Airport from Mexico City. The CS went to the airport and picked up COMPARAN-Bedolla. On the drive from the airport, the CS asked COMPARAN-Bedolla if he had the list of materials needed to extract the crystal methamphetamine from the paint once the shipment arrived. COMPARAN-Bedolla responded yes, he had that information in his head. To that end, COMPARAN-Bedolla said that they likely needed to purchase several things, but the chemist who was coming to help them with the extraction would also arrive with certain materials. COMPARAN-Bedolla and the CS agreed to purchase the materials the next day in case the chemist did not bring all the material required. The CS drove COMPARAN-Bedolla to a hotel in Hialeah, Florida, that had been reserved by RUSTRIAN. However, the hotel had not yet been paid for. So the CS contacted RUSTRIAN for payment information, and RUSTRIAN emailed his credit card information to hotel management.

16. The next morning, March 12, 2021, the CS and COMPARAN-Bedolla went to several stores in Hialeah Gardens, Florida, to purchase the materials required to extract the crystal methamphetamine from the house paint. Those materials included an aluminum pot, coolers, knives, plastic containers, a propane burner, a propane tank, measuring cups and a thermometer.

17. The CS and COMPARAN-Bedolla then went back to the hotel, and the CS met with an undercover agent ("UC1") who was presented as a worker for the CS. At that meeting, the CS and COMPARAN-Bedolla provided UC1 with all the materials they had purchased that day. COMPARAN-Bedolla then explained to UC1 the process of extracting the methamphetamine from the paint. COMPARAN-Bedolla told UC1 that he knows the entire process except one step, which is separating the paint from the meth oil.

18. On or about March 19, 2021, the plan for the delivery of the methamphetamine changed, and the CS was informed that the initial shipment of methamphetamine would not arrive

in paint, but in large concrete tiles. That same day, COMPARAN-Bedolla told the CS that two truckers had been hired by the organization to transport the concrete tiles containing crystal methamphetamine to Miami. This was the methamphetamine that the CS had previously negotiated with RUSTRIAN and COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ. The tiles containing the meth had come from Mexico, and were stashed by the organization in Texas. The two drivers, then, would drive the tiles containing meth on a truck from Texas to Hialeah, Florida. Of note, about a week before this change in plans, 1,000 kilograms of methamphetamine in paint were seized after crossing a bridge from Mexico to Texas. Based on my training and experience, I believe this interception caused COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ and his co-conspirators to change their plans.

19. During the drive from Texas to Florida the truck drivers sent regular location updates (and photographs) to the CS and COMPARAN-Bedolla. During the transport, COMPARAN-Bedolla was in constant communication with his father, COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ. A number of those communications were recorded by the CS who was present with COMPARAN-Bedolla.

20. The truck transporting the methamphetamine arrived in South Florida on the evening of March 20, 2021. The truck drove to an undercover law enforcement warehouse in the Miami area. When the truck arrived, COMPARAN-Bedolla called his father and told him that the drivers had arrived at the warehouse. An additional undercover agent ("UC2") used a forklift to remove four crates of concrete tile from the truck's trailer. The tile was placed into the warehouse, and the drivers left the area. After the drivers left, UC1, UC2, the CS, and COMPARAN-Bedolla broke the tiles open using hammers. From within the tiles, law enforcement recovered approximately 200 kilograms of wrapped methamphetamine. The methamphetamine was field tested, which confirmed that it was in fact methamphetamine.

21. On or about March 21, 2021, RUSTRIAN contacted the CS and told the CS that he was with COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ, and one of COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ's lieutenants named "Gordo." According to RUSTRIAN, Gordo reached out to him because he (Gordo) and COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ were partial owners of the crystal methamphetamine shipment that was sent to the CS. On the call, RUSTRIAN explained to the CS that Gordo wanted the opportunity to purchase weapons from the CS. COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ had told Gordo that the CS previously offered the cartel weapons in exchange for narcotics during their January meeting in Cali. In light of Gordo's interest in the firearms, the CS explained that he could possibly arrange for the delivery of a shipping container, or half of a container, full of firearms. The CS asked where he should ship the firearms, and RUSTRIAN offered a location in Guatemala where the cartel had the port "greased." According to RUSTRIAN, the cartel was interested in obtaining fifty caliber sniper rifles and multiple different types of machine guns. After the call, the CS contacted RUSTRIAN via text message. RUSTRIAN told the CS that both Gordo and COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ had been present with him during the discussion about firearms.

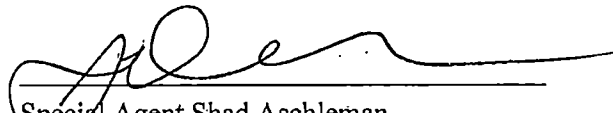
22. On or about March 23, 2021, COMPARAN-Bedolla told the CS that, instead of 300 more kilograms of methamphetamine, they would be receiving 350 kilograms of methamphetamine, and it would be shipped in house paint. That paint was shipped from Mexico, through Texas, and is currently scheduled to arrive in South Florida on March 26, 2021. The 350 kilograms represent the final portion of the original 500 kilogram deal that the CS, RUSTRIAN and COMPARAN-RODRIGUEZ agreed to in January 2021.

#### CONCLUSION


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Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 26 day of March, 2021.

  
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